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Studebaker Earnings  
Continue to Decline

Net Profits Equivalent to \$3.51  
a Share, Compared With  
\$4.71 Preceding Quarter

For the three months ended September 30, the Studebaker Corporation's net profits, after federal taxes, were \$2,285,794, equivalent after preferred dividends to \$3.51 a share on the \$60,000,000 common stock, it was announced yesterday.

This represents a continued decline in earnings from the first two quarters of the year. In the preceding quarter the net profits were \$4,710,000, or \$4.71 a share, and the corresponding three months of last year profits were \$3,439,200, or \$3.10 a share, on the \$60,000,000 common stock.

Net profits for the nine months ended with September amounted to \$10,578, equivalent to \$1.07 a share on the common stock after deduction of preferred dividends. This compares with \$1.02 a share in the corresponding period of 1919.

**Money and Credit**

Call money remained at 7 per cent yesterday, but before the end of trading on the stock market, having risen 10 per cent. The fact that rates did not rise until shortly before the close of the market was taken to mean that the end of the stringency was in sight.

Government withdrawals to-morrow will be \$80,000,000.

**The Dollar in Foreign Exchange**

The leading foreign exchanges declined weakness yesterday. Sterling dropped to \$3.4357 for eight drafts. France was easier. Exchange on Rome fell to a new low record of 3.6650 cents.

(Quoted in dollars to the pound.)

Yesterday—Week  
day, Aug. 26.

Sterling, demand, 3.43875-3.43675  
3.43625-3.43575  
Sterling, cable, 3.43875-3.43675  
Sterling, 90 days, 3.43675-3.43575  
Quoted in cents to the unit.)

France, checks, 6.62-6.65  
France, cables, 6.63-6.65  
Belgium, francs, checks, 6.70-6.82  
Belgium, francs, cables, 6.71-6.83  
Irene checks, 3.6650-3.76  
Irene, 90 days, 3.6650-3.76  
Four months, 3.6650-3.76  
Bank Clearings. Bank clearings at New York yesterday were: Exchanges, \$85,139,684; balances, \$95,061,434.

Silver, London, £254; New York, domestic bar, 90%; foreign 80%; Mexican dollars, 61%.

Sub-Treasury. United States fund reserves credit balance, \$90,671,254.

Canadian Exchange—New York funds in Montreal, \$104,388 premium per \$1.

Montreal funds in New York, 29.45% discount per £1,000.

More than four thousand freight cars and passenger coaches are included in the purchases, together with 150 locomotives. One hundred locomotives having 40 per cent greater traction power than any now in use on the system have been ordered for freight service.

**Rail Demurrage Charges**

In New York Field Jnt.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Existing regulations on New York railroads for demurrage charges on tank cars have been received. They provide that the domestic bills of lading between the rail terminals and ships in port were found just and reasonable to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission upheld the provision in the regulations which provides that delivery of the property when covered by domestic bills of lading only will be made upon the payment or satisfaction of guarantee of demurrage charges.

**Dividends**

Extra

Great Western Gas Co.—An increase of 10% in rates has been declared, to take effect quarterly, beginning Jan. 1, 1921, on the common and 10% on the preferred stocks.

**Regular Declarations**

Stocks Ex Dividend

Am. Cigar Co., date Period 100 of Recs. 5-6 Nov. 15 Nov.

Iron Prod. Co., pfd. 2 Nov. 15 Nov.

Mass Gas Co., pfd. 2 Nov. 1 Nov. 15 Nov.

Studebaker Corp., pfd. 1 Nov. 15 Nov.

do pfd. 1 Nov. 15 Nov.

United Fruit Co., 44-5 Nov. 15 Nov.

do pfd. 1 Nov. 15 Nov.